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June 14, 2004

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 02-55

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you concerning a proposal before the Federal Communications Commission that addresses interference to public safety communications operating in the 800 MHz band. Although we applaud the FCC in its leadership to address the spectrum - related needs of public safety entities, including police, firefighters and other first responders to operate in an interference-free environment, we urge you to *reject* the "Consensus Plan" as proposed and consider other alternatives or modifications.

The Plan does not guarantee funding to cover the significant costs to replace radios and modify existing communications systems. Instead, it proposes a reimbursement process where local law enforcement agencies and fire departments must first incur costs, and after doing so, one would apply for reimbursement. To proceed under the current "reimbursement" concept in the Plan will serve to increase budget deficits at the Federal, State and local level.

I also ask you to reject this Plan given its "cap" on relocation funding for public safety. We believe the need to replace the radios that will be rendered obsolete by the Plan's massive spectrum realignment, forcing public safety communications to new channels, will far exceed the Plan's projected budget of \$700 Million.

I am concerned about the significant realignment under way across the nation. The FCC should require the parties who are causing the interference to eliminate it where it occurs. Please consider less costly alternatives.

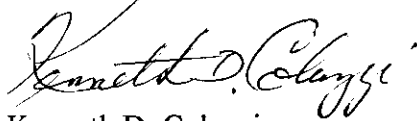
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Lastly, I believe that neither Nextel's competitors in the wireless industry nor Bucks County PA as a taxpayer, believe that the FCC should financially compensate one company, Nextel, for its cooperation in fixing problems of its own creation. The FCC should not support a plan that provides such funding to one commercial entity at a cost to taxpayers. The Commission should move forward to auction the 1.9 GHz spectrum for the fiscal benefit of the government and to improve service offerings for consumers.

On behalf of the citizens we all vow to protect in our respective positions, we appreciate your attention to this matter and again, strongly urge you to consider an alternative to the Nextel Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth D. Coluzzi".

Kenneth D. Coluzzi
Chief of Police
Emergency Management Coordinator

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